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TO : Assistant Executive Director.

FROM : Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

SUBJECT: Report of President's Committee on Employee Loyalty.

DATE: 17 March 1947.

1. Reference memorandum for the record by Chief, Security Branch, OCD, dated 13 March 1947, copy attached, and conversation between the undersigned and Mr. A. Devitt Vanech, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employee Loyalty.

2. Mr. Vanech stated that copies of the report were not available to the public and were given only to members of the Committee, (representatives of State, War, Navy, Justice, Treasury). Mr. Vanech requested that his remarks be kept confidential, in view of the urgent attempts to keep this report out of unauthorized hands and from the press until it had been implemented.

3. In connection with the Security Advisory Board, Mr. Vanech stated there was virtually no change in its status, and that it was given ^{minimum} authorities in connection with agencies which do not have adequate security procedures. It does not affect an agency such as CIG, which has its own high standard of security.

4. Mr. Vanech stated that our rights to fire personnel were strictly administrative and that actions of this type would not be questioned. The security measures taken before hiring CIG personnel would insure their loyalty. He stated that the provision regarding loyalty did not affect CIG.

5. In view of the general uncertainty as to what this report contains, it is strongly recommended that steps be taken by the Director to secure a copy from the White House.

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